6. प्राचीन आदिवासी परियोजना के लिये विभिन्न प्रोत्साहन कार्यक्रमों हेतु आठवें वित्त आयोग एवार्ड की उपयोगिता के लिये प्राथमिकता प्रदान की जाये ।

7. स्थानीय आदिवासी समूहों के लिये रोजगार के अवसर बढ़ाये जायें और इस प्रयोजन के लिये परियोजना प्रशासन के ढांचे में उन्हें भी लिया जाये और यदि आवश्यक हो तो उनकी पात्रता शर्तों में भी रियायत की जाये ।

Mica mines and production etc.

@4068. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of mica mines the production of crude mica and the number of people engaged therein during 1977 and 1987; and

(b) whether there is a fast decline in this prime industry; if so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MINES IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) The number of working mines, production of crude mica and average daily employment in the mines for 1977 & 1986 are as follows:—

	1977	1986
No. of working Mines	297	168
Production of Crude Mica (in tonnes) .	9362	4296
Average Daily employment . . .	7366*	3693**

*Source: DGMS ; DHANBAD.

**Returns received in Indian Bureau of Mines Figures of 1987 are not yet available.

@Previously Unstarred Question 2625 transferred from the 18th August, 1987

(b) There has been a decline in mica production, the main reasons being exhaustion of surface reserves in working mines and change in demand pattern. Action has been taken for the exploration of mica pegmatites. For meeting the changing demand, efforts are under way for production of value added mica products.

Production if processed MICA

@@4069. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the total production of processed mica in the counry during the last five years, yearswise; alongwith its production in private and public sector;

(b) the total export of mica during the above period countrywise and year-wise and the foreign exchange earned thereby;

(c) the internal consumption of mica during the same period, year-wise; and

(d) whether it is fact that both the export and the internal consumption are decreasing; if so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MINES IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) Processing of mica is essentially a cottage industry and exact quantum of production of processed mica is not available.

(b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

@@Previously Unstarred Question 2624 transferred from the 18th August, 1987.

(c) The figures of internal consumption of mica to the extent available during the past five years is given below:—

Year	Internal consumption on mica (in tonnes)
1981	2,160
1982	2,519
1983	3,136
1984	3,525
1985	3,272

(d) So far as internal consumption is concerned there is no decline.

As regards trend in exports and action taken thereon information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Surveys for non-living resources at Visakhapatnam

†4070. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state what are the details of the surveys undertaken by Government for non-living resources at Visakhapatnam in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MINES IN THE MINISTRY OF STATE AND MINES (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA): In the district of Visakhapatnam in Andhra Pradesh, Geological Survey of India initiated systematic geological mapping for onshore non-living resources during Field Season 1951-52, and completed in 1984-85. Regional exploration/resource evaluation was conducted for Bauxite, Graphite, Apatite, Limestone, Manganese and Tin-tungsten. Occurrences of phlogopite, Vermiculite, Magnetite, clays beach sands, ochres and sillimonite are also reported. The following resources are estimated (in million tonnes) for some of the minerals (as per latest IBM mineral inventory):

Bauxite: 436.7 of all grades as on 1.1.82

Graphite: 0.032 of all grades on 1.1.83

Apatite: 0.223 with 25 to 42 percent phosphorus pentovide as on 1.1.83

Limestone: 3.38 of SMS and BF mixed grade as on 1.1.80

Beside Khondalite and Charnockite are exclusively quarried for construction purposes in Visakhapatnam Anakapalle area.

In additional Geological Survey of India is also engaged in Off-shore surveys in the territorial waters of the country which include surveys for non-living resources at Visakhapatnam in Andhra Pradesh. In 1983 an area of 425 sq. km. of the near coastal seabed off Visakhapatnam and further North was surveyed with chartered boat. In 1984 an area of 3100 sq. km. was surveyd in the territorial water of Visakhapatnam and Kalingatnam coast with GSI coastal research launch R.V. SAMUDRA KAUSTUBH. In 1986 Visakhapatnam outer harbour and channel was surveyed for Port Trust development work. These off-shore surveys so far revealed incidence of heavy minerals like Imenite, Magnetite, Zircon, Monazite, etc. in low concentration.

Blue print for Development projects

††4071. SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Madras Corporation has approached the Central Government with a Rs. 1125 crore blue print for Development Projects in Madras for assistance and possible funding by the World Bank; and

(b) if so, what action Government propose to take on the request of the Tamil Nadu Government and the Madras Corporation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT. (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

†Previously Unstarred Question 2957 transferred from the 20th August, 1987.

††Previously Unstarred Question 3070 transferred from the 20th August, 1987.